

## **CHAPTER 5.0    CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

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This chapter describes the program and activities for agency coordination and public involvement conducted during the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process. The program was designed to be inclusive, comprehensive, open, transparent, and continuous throughout the EIS process. The activities involved were designed to maximize public comments and agency input.

The program included numerous outreach activities intended to create a high level of public and agency awareness regarding goals, processes, results, milestones and progress of the EIS. A wide range in the type and number of public input activities was created to facilitate maximum public input and comments. These activities included agency and public scoping meetings, public open houses, information newsletters, a web site, a media information program, and project correspondence. A set of comprehensive mailing lists was created to communicate with elected officials, landowners, agencies, stakeholders, and other interested parties.

### **5.1    Agency Coordination**

Agency coordination was conducted to ensure a timely flow of project information between the federal, state, and local agencies involved in the project. Public issues and concerns identified in the public involvement process were communicated to these agencies. Coordination activities included an agency scoping meeting, team meetings, briefings with agency staff, creation of an interdisciplinary team, and agency reviews of project goals, processes, results, milestones and progress of the EIS.

Appendix A - Agency Correspondence contains correspondence received from state and federal resource agencies. It includes both scoping letters and subsequent correspondence on specific resource issues.

#### **5.1.1    Agency Scoping Meeting**

An agency scoping meeting was held September 8, 2004 at the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) Calvin Rampton Complex. Invitations were sent to 34 agencies and seven representatives from five agencies participated. UDOT presented an overview of the EIS process and project context and identified the following issues as key environmental issues based on previous studies:

- June Sucker
- Ute Ladies' Tresses
- Wetlands
- Utah Lake
- Historic properties
- Indirect and cumulative impacts
- Local issues
- Noise
- Indirect impacts associated with new interchanges and stations

Agency representatives were then invited to identify additional key environmental issues at the Scoping Meeting. The additional issues identified included:

- Riparian vegetation – as habitat
- Migratory birds – effect of project on riparian habitat
- Stream crossings – effect of project on riparian habitat; larger stream crossings can provide alternative to wildlife crossing highway

- Wildlife corridors – consider options that prohibit/hinder wildlife crossing the highway in areas where development is increasing (particularly deer and elk)
- Existing big game have been sited on highway near Santaquin (fencing), Point of the Mountain
- Sediment and erosion control measures to minimize impact on water quality: both temporary during construction, and permanent – we need to consider other locations where fencing may be required
- Dewatering impacts during construction
- Spotted frog is a State Sensitive species – known habitat in Payson/Santaquin area
- Retain Sportsman's access – SR-75 exit to 65, North side of freeway near Camelot Bay

### 5.1.2 State and Federal Agency Consultation

The following federal agencies agreed to participate in the EIS as cooperating agencies:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)

These agencies met with the project team on a regular basis during the development of the EIS, including development of Purpose and Need, alternatives identification, alternatives refinement, and impacts evaluation. Table 5-1 lists the dates and invited representative and/or participants of resource agency consultation meetings.

**Table 5-1: State and Federal Agency Consultation Meetings**

Date	Topic	Invited and/or Participating Agencies
June 25, 2004	Project Coordination	UDOT, Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
July 29, 2004	Project Kick-off	UDOT, FHWA
August 10, 2004	Project Introduction	UDOT, USFWS
August 11, 2004	Project Introduction	UDOT, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)
September 8, 2004	Resource Agency Scoping	Bureau of Indian Affairs Bureau of Reclamation Division of Comprehensive Emergency Management Division of Indian Affairs EPA Region 8 (EPA) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) FHWA Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Gosiute Indian Tribe Governor's Office, Resource Development Natural Resources Conservation Service Northwestern Band of Shoshoni Tribe Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Skull Valley Band of Gosiute Indians USACE U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) USFWS U.S. Geological Survey Utah Department of Water Quality Utah Division of Air Quality

Table 5-1: State and Federal Agency Consultation Meetings - continued

Date	Topic	Invited and/or Participating Agencies
September 8, 2004	Resource Agency Scoping (continued)	Utah Division of Drinking Water Utah Division of Environmental Response & Remediation Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands (FFSL) Utah Division of Parks & Recreation Utah Division of Solid & Hazardous Waster Utah Division of Water Resources Utah Division of Water Rights Utah Division of Wildlife Resources Utah Energy Office Utah Geological Survey Utah State Historic Preservation Ute Indian Tribe
January 26, 2005	Purpose & Need Review	UDOT, Utah Transit Authority (UTA), FHWA, FTA, EPA, FFSL, UDWR, USACE
February 10, 2005	Alternatives Screening Workshop	EPA Governor's office, Resource Development USFWS FFSL UDWR USACE Utah Department of Water Quality Utah Division of Parks & Recreation FHWA FTA
May 18, 2005	Alternatives Screening Review	UDOT, UTA, FHWA, UDWR, USACE, USFWS
June 14, 2005	Project Coordination	UTA, FTA
August 2, 2005	Wetland and Wildlife/Fish Species	UDOT, UTA, FHWA, UDWR, USACE, USFWS
August 9, 2005	Wetland Methodology w/EPA	UDOT, EPA, USACE
October 10, 2005	Interchange Workshop	UDOT, UTA, FHWA
December 13, 2005	Resource Agency Coordination	UDOT, UTA, FHWA, EPA
February 21, 2006	Resource Agency Coordination	UDOT, UTA, FHWA, EPA, UDWR, USACE, USFWS
August 7, 2006	Tolling & NEPA	UDOT, FHWA
August 22, 2006	Project Coordination	UDOT, FHWA
August 30, 2006	Project Review	UDOT, UTA, FHWA, FTA, EPA
October 5, 2006	Project Coordination	UDOT, FHWA
May 17, 2007	Resource Agency Coordination	UDOT, UTA, FHWA, EPA, UDWR, USACE, USFWS

## 5.2 Tribal Consultation

Native American consultation letters were sent to the Goshute Tribal Council, Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Shoshone Tribe of Wind River Reservation, and Skull Valley Band of Goshutes. A project description and vicinity map were sent to the affected tribes, along with a request for any information they may have about the project area in December 2004. No responses were received. A second letter was sent in May 2007. Only the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation responded, indicating that they had no comment on or objection to the proposed project. No other responses have been received. Appendix A of this DEIS contains these letters. The cultural resources report will also be sent to the affected tribes for comment. Comments received from these tribes will be incorporated into the final version of this EIS.

## 5.3 Metropolitan Planning Organization and Local Government Coordination

The I-15 project corridor passes through two metropolitan planning organizations (MPO) and 13 municipalities. Coordination with these government jurisdictions was conducted throughout the EIS process.

### 5.3.1 *Metropolitan Planning Organizations*

The I-15 Corridor EIS project team consulted with Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG) and Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), the local MPOs for Utah County and Salt Lake County respectively. Monthly meetings were held to update MPO staff on progress of the EIS and receive input from the MPOs on the project. MPOs were also involved in development of the purpose and need documented in Chapter 1 of this EIS, and in alternatives identification, alternatives screening, and alternatives refinement (as documented in Chapter 2 of this EIS). MPO representatives were also members of the Project Working Group that met quarterly.

The I-15 Corridor project team presented information at MAG's Regional Planning meetings during the EIS process. The purpose of the presentations was to provide project updates to Utah County mayors and invite Utah County cities' participation in the EIS process. Table 5-2 lists the dates and topics of presentations to Regional Planning.

Table 5-2: MAG Regional Planning Presentations

Date	Topic
August 5, 2004	Project Introduction
February 3, 2005	Project Update
July 7, 2005	Alternatives
October 5, 2005	Project Working Group Participation
March 2, 2006	Project Update

The project team focused on MAG's Regional Planning group because of the degree of interest and potential impact to Utah County communities. WFRC did not request or require regular presentations. Coordination with WFRC staff continued throughout the development of this DEIS. Project team staff brought issues to the WFRC as needed.

### 5.3.2 *Local Governments*

The I-15 Corridor EIS project team consulted with local governments during the EIS process. This coordination took place during scheduled, quarterly Project Working Group meetings, meetings with city staff, and presentations to city councils and/or planning commissions.

A Project Working Group was formed comprised of UDOT, MPO representatives, and local government representatives from the following organizations:

- Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT)
- Utah Transit Authority (UTA)
- Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)
- Mountainland Association of Governments (MAG)
- Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC)
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
- Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR)
- Utah and Salt Lake Counties
- Cities of Payson, Springville, Provo, Orem, Lindon, American Fork, Lehi, Bluffdale, Draper, and South Jordan
- Vineyard Township

The Project Working Group met quarterly to be updated on project progress and provide input to the EIS process. Local governments were invited to appoint a member to the Project Working Group. Project Working Group meeting notices were sent to the identified members. The Project Working Group met on several occasions to consider and resolve project issues: March 7, 2006; September 12, 2006; December 12, 2006; March 7, 2007; and June 12, 2007.

Coordination with city staff was conducted during scoping and alternatives refinement to understand issues and bring resolution to local government concerns. Table 5-3 lists project meetings and workshops held with local government technical staff.

**Table 5-3: Local Government Staff Participation**

Date	Local Government(s)	Topic
August 11, 2004	Provo	City Data Gathering
August 18, 2004	Payson	City Data Gathering
August 18, 2004	Spanish Fork	City Data Gathering
August 18, 2004	Springville	City Data Gathering
August 23, 2004	Lehi	City Data Gathering
August 23, 2004	Santaquin	City Data Gathering
August 23, 2004	Utah County	City Data Gathering
August 31, 2004	Bluffdale, Draper, Midvale, Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Sandy, South Jordan	Scoping Workshop
August 31, 2004	Mapleton, Payson, Salem, Santaquin, Springville, Spanish Fork	Scoping Workshop
September 1, 2004	American Fork, Highland, Lehi, Lindon, Pleasant Grove, Saratoga Springs, Utah County	Scoping Workshop
September 1, 2004	Orem, Provo, Vineyard	Scoping Workshop
September 22, 2004	Orem	City Data Gathering
October 6, 2004	Sandy	City Coordination
October 19, 2004	Draper	City Coordination

**Table 5-3: Local Government Staff Participation - continued**

Date	Local Government(s)	Topic
November 11, 2004	American Fork	City Coordination
November 30, 2004	Orem	City Coordination
December 15, 2004	American Fork	City Coordination
March 30, 2005	American Fork	Interchange Coordination
April 28, 2005	Provo	Transit Station Location
May 31, 2005	Provo	Transit Station Location
June 6, 2005	Provo	City Coordination
June 8, 2005	Orem	City Coordination
June 8, 2005	Orem, Provo	Transit Station Location
July 20, 2005	Draper	Transit Station Location
August 22, 2005	Bluffdale	Transit Station Location
August 29, 2005	Provo	City Coordination
September 14, 2005	Orem, UVSC	City Coordination
November 9, 2005	Sandy, South Jordan	Transit Station Location
November 23, 2005	Payson	City Coordination
March 8, 2006	Orem, Provo	Frontage Road and Interchange Options
March 10, 2006	American Fork	Interchange Coordination
March 30, 2006	Lindon, Pleasant Grove	Interchange Coordination
March 30, 2006	Mapleton, Springville	Interchange Coordination
April 18, 2006	Spanish Fork	Interchange Coordination
April 18, 2006	American Fork	Interchange Coordination
April 24, 2006	Payson, Santaquin	Interchange Coordination
May 10, 2006	Provo	Interchange Coordination
June 1, 2006	Lehi	Interchange Coordination
June 8, 2006	Lehi	Interchange Coordination
June 15, 2006	Orem, Provo	Frontage Road and Interchange Options
June 22, 2006	Orem, UVSC	Interchange Coordination
July 5, 2006	Orem, Vineyard	Interchange Coordination
July 18, 2006	Lehi	Interchange Coordination
August 2, 2006	Orem, UVSC	Interchange Coordination
August 8, 2006	American Fork	Transit Station Location
August 8, 2006	Orem	Transit Station Location
August 8, 2006	Provo	Transit Station Location
August 9, 2006	Draper	Transit Station Location
August 10, 2006	Murray	Transit Station Location
September 5, 2006	Bluffdale	Interchange Coordination and Transit Station Location

**Table 5-3: Local Government Staff Participation - continued**

Date	Local Government(s)	Topic
September 13, 2006	American Fork	Interchange Coordination
October 3, 2006	American Fork	Interchange Coordination
October 6, 2006	Vineyard	Interchange Coordination
October 10, 2006	Payson, Santaquin	Interchange Coordination
October 20, 2006	Sandy, South Jordan	Transit Station Location
October 23, 2006	Lehi	City Coordination
November 28, 2006	Bluffdale, Draper	Transit Station Location
December 15, 2006	Orem, UVSC	Transit Station Location
February 13, 2007	Orem, Provo	Frontage Road and Interchange options
March 5, 2007	Provo	Transit Station Location
April 3, 2007	American Fork	Interchange Coordination
April 12, 2007	Orem, Provo	Frontage Road and Interchange options

Presentations to study area city councils and/or planning commissions were made during development of the DEIS to update local governments on project progress, request the city's participation in the EIS process, and request comment and feedback. Table 5-4 lists the presentations that were made.

**Table 5-4: City Council and Planning Commission Presentations**

City	Date(s)
American Fork	April 20, 2006; April 26, 2007
Bluffdale	June 12, 2006; February 13, 2007; May 22, 2007
Draper	October 18, 2005; May 8, 2007
Lehi	April 24, 2007
Lindon	May 1, 2007
Orem	June 8, 2005; June 7, 2006; March 27, 2007
Payson	April 18, 2007
Pleasant Grove	November 30, 2004; May 8, 2007
Provo	June 6, 2005; June 7, 2006; March 27, 2007
Salt Lake City	November 3, 2005; December 15, 2005
Sandy	September 21, 2005; January 24, 2006
South Jordan	January 24, 2006
Spanish Fork	April 17, 2007
Springville	April 10, 2007
Vineyard	November 29, 2005

## 5.4 Public Scoping

### 5.4.1 Notice of Intent

The I-15 Corridor EIS process began on September 2, 2004 with the publication of a Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS in the Federal Register along with similar announcements in local newspapers and other media. Table 5-5 lists the media that were contacted.

Table 5-5: News Media Notification

Type of Media	Media Names
Television	KSL Channel 5, KCSG Television, KSTU Fox 13, KSVN, KTVX AM Express, Good Things Utah, ABC 4, KUTV 2, Park City TV, TV Traffic, Univision, Telemundo, KUTH Channel 12, Airwatch Traffic, Clear Channel
Radio	KUER FM 90.1, KBZN 97.9 The Breeze, KCPW, Metro Networks, KPCW 91.9 FM 88.1 FM, KSL AM 1160, KSUU 91.1 FM, KVEL, KVIS Country Radio, AM 1450, CV RADIO
Printed	Utah National Guard, Salt Lake Tribune, Deseret Morning News, Deseret Morning News - Utah County Bureau, The Daily Herald: Pony Express - Eagle Mountain & Saratoga Springs, Lehi Free Press, Lone Peak Press - Highland, Alpine & Cedar Hills, American Fork Citizen, Pleasant Grove Review, Orem Geneva Times, Springville Herald, Spanish Fork Press, The Pyramid - Mt. Pleasant, Nebo Reporter, BNA. Beaver Press, Tooele Transcript, Blue Mountain Panorama, Wendover Times, Davis County Clipper, Emery County Progress, Freight Commerce Intermountain Contractor, Utah National Guard Valley Journals: South Salt Lake Journal, Millcreek Journal, West Valley Journal, Taylorsville/Kearns Journal, Murray Journal, Cottonwood/Holladay Journal, West Jordan Journal, South Valley Journal, Sandy Journal, Midvale Journal, Hurricane Valley Journal, Kearns Post, Magna Times, West Valley News, Standard Examiner, Main Street Business Journal, Millard County Progress, Morgan County News, Reuters, Utah News Desk, The Spectrum, The Payson Chronicle, Summit County Bee, Southern Utah News, Sun Advocate, The Richfield Reaper, The San Juan Record, The Times News – Nephi, The Wasatch Wave, Uintah Basin Standard, Davis County Clipper, Cedar City Review, State Point Media
Minority Media	Bustos Media, Nustromundo – aol, El Semanal Magazine, Mundo Hispano, Diversity Times, La Voz Latina de Utah, Quik.com, Nustromundo

The EIS team compiled a preliminary list of alternatives and impacts. The list and purpose of the study were established based on previous studies and presented to the public and interested government agencies for comment. This notification is part of *scoping* - the process of providing an early opportunity for the public and agencies to identify potential issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS.

### 5.4.2 Public Scoping Meetings

Three public scoping meetings were held between September 8 and September 11, 2004. The meetings were held in an open house format. The purpose of each open house was to increase project knowledge and understanding of the

EIS process, communicate the importance of public involvement, obtain feedback on issues and topics of concern, answer questions regarding the project, and encourage ideas for alternatives. Meeting locations were selected to provide the widest coverage of the corridor and easy accessibility for the public.

The first open house was held at Murray High School, 5440 South State Street in Murray on September 8, 2004 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. Six people attended and two comment forms were received at the meeting. A second open house was held on September 9, 2004, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. at Larsen Elementary School in Spanish Fork. There were a total of 21 attendees and five comment forms received. The third open house was held at Utah Valley State College (UVSC), 800 West University Parkway, Orem on September 11, 2004, 2:00-5:00 p.m. A total of 39 people attended and four comment forms were returned.

Each open house had the following information stations with project information boards and knowledgeable project staff available to answer questions:

- Welcome and Sign-in
- Project Purpose
- Results of Previous Studies
- Transit Technologies being considered
- Invitation for comments

A project representative gave a brief presentation every half hour. After the presentation, open discussions were held providing participants with an opportunity to ask questions and identify transportation issues and ideas for alternatives within the I-15 Corridor roadway and transit study areas. A total of 66 constituents attended from municipalities located in the I-15 Corridor. Tables 5-6 and 5-7 show the number of participants from each city and county.

**Table 5-6: Study Area Cities Represented at Scoping Meetings**

Cities in Utah County	Number of attendees (37)
American Fork	11
Lehi	4
Lindon	1
Mapleton	1
Pleasant Grove	2
Springville	1
Spanish Fork	3
Orem	10
Provo	4

A number of attendees did not give their address at Utah County meetings.

**Table 5-7: Salt Lake and Davis County Attendance**

Cities in Salt Lake and Davis Counties	Number of attendees (7)
Draper	2
Salt Lake City	2
Riverton	1
Davis County; Bountiful	1
Layton	1

During the scoping period 7,500 postcards were distributed inviting area residents and businesses to the scoping open houses; 6,400 were mailed and over 1,000 were disseminated using grassroots efforts. In addition to postcards, approximately 1,500 scoping booklets were distributed at public meetings, by mail, and by grassroots distribution. Grassroots activities included handing out invitational postcards and scoping booklets at high traffic transit locations, park and ride lots, and at community open houses within the project study area. Tables 5-8 and 5-9 list the distribution method and/or location and quantity of postcard and scoping booklet distribution.

**Table 5-8: Distribution of Notification Postcards**

Method / Location	Quantity (+/- 7,500)
Park and Ride Lots and Transit Stations	+/-400
City Offices	305
Fairs	25
Surrounding business community	170
Project Partners	200
Direct Mail	6,400

**Table 5-9: Distribution of Scoping Booklets**

Method / Location	Quantity ( 1,500)
Park and Ride Lots and Transit Stations	766
Utah Trucking Association	30
Community Organizers and Chambers of Commerce with introduction letter for Speakers Bureau	164
Public Scoping Meetings	100
Mailings	440

A Speakers Bureau was created in October 2004 as an ongoing public involvement activity. On October 13, 2004, 164 letters were sent out to civic and community groups within the project limits offering EIS project staff to discuss the project at their regular meetings, and to collect comments and feedback. Table 5-10 lists all community outreach tools and the number of individuals reached as a result of the team's efforts to provide accessible information to the public during project scoping.

**Table 5-10: Summary of Community Outreach during Scoping Period**

Method	Quantity
Notification postcards distributed	7,500
Scoping booklets distributed	1,500
News articles published	41
Public scoping meeting attendees	66
Individual comments received	124

All project information pieces included the project toll free comment line, email and web address. The following methods were available for those wishing to comment:

- Attend a public scoping meeting
- Return comment form in scoping booklet
- Call the project toll free comment line, 1-888-898-2111
- Email [i15utahcounty@utah.gov](mailto:i15utahcounty@utah.gov)
- Access the project Web site, [www.udot.utah.gov/i15utahcounty](http://www.udot.utah.gov/i15utahcounty)

One additional scoping meeting was held on November 3, 2004 with members of the Utah Trucking Association and others from the trucking industry. This meeting was a Roundtable Discussion and included staff from the project team and numerous representatives of the trucking industry and members of the Utah Trucking Association.

### 5.4.3 Issues Identified through Public Scoping

The project team received a total of 124 comments from the public during the scoping phase of the project. Comments that identify predominant transportation issues are summarized in Table 5-11. Other issues included sound walls, landscaping, overpasses and underpasses, park and ride lots and pedestrian/bike issues.

**Table 5-11: Summary of Transportation Issues Identified in Public Comments**

Topic	Issue
Adjacent Routes and Streets	Concern about access and congestion
Air Quality	Concern about future air quality
Alternative Routes	An alternate north-south highway is needed before I-15 reconstruction
Communication	Better communication needed between UDOT, UTA, counties and cities
Congestion	Not enough capacity for growing communities and population
Construction	Concern that alternative routes are insufficient for future I-15 construction
East-West Access	Improved access is needed to address growth, emergency service and development occurring in Utah County
Environment	Preserve open space
Funding	Concern that funding issues be addressed
Growth	Concern that I-15 cannot keep up with the current rate of growth, which is expected to push southward in Utah County
Interchanges	Concern that interchanges are outdated and need evaluation
I-15 Mainline	Capacity needs to be addressed with more lanes, High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes, or reversible lanes
Planning Process	Plan for the long term and coordination between state, county and city
Safety	Truck traffic, congestion, roadway features and poor drivers create accidents
Signage	Exits and alternative routes need better signage including variable message signs
Transit	Emphasize and improve mass transit in Utah County

## 5.5 Public Participation Program

In addition to the agency, local government and other outreach activities described in the previous section, development of the DEIS included an additional public participation program to share information and obtain input and comment. These included mailings, community meetings, public open houses, and presentations to the Utah Transportation Commission. A variety of communication devices were used to facilitate this process.

### 5.5.1 Mailings

Mailings were used to notify the public of opportunities to learn about the project and participate in the EIS process by providing comments. Mailings were also used to correspond with elected officials and other key stakeholders who requested additional project information. Mailings to the general public were sent as part of public scoping, alternatives, and announcement of availability of the Draft EIS. Mailing lists were determined with input from UDOT, MPOs, and use of county property records as available from Geographic Information Systems (GIS) databases. More targeted mailings were sent to property owners and elected officials as required to complete EIS technical studies. Table 5-12 summarizes mailings sent during the EIS study indicating the audience, topic, and type of mailing.

Table 5-12: Stakeholder Mailings

Stakeholder Group	Topic	Type of Mailing
General public / Initial project mailing list based on input from MPOs and county property records	Notice of public scoping	Postcard
Elected Officials	Notice of public scoping	Letter and scoping booklet
Community Groups	Availability of Speakers Bureau	Letter
General Public / Previous project participants as captured in the project contact database	Announcement of alternatives, review of scoping input and summary of purpose and need	Newsletter
Adjacent Property Owners	Property access for technical studies	Postcard
Potentially Impacted Property Owners	Notice of May 2007 public information meetings	Postcard

### 5.5.2 Community Meetings

The I-15 Corridor EIS project team met with community groups and other stakeholders as requested. The Speakers Bureau was established to proactively offer project presentations to community groups and respond to requests for presentations. The following groups were contacted and were offered presentations:

- AAA Automobile Club of Utah
- American Fork Chamber of Commerce
- American Legion – American Fork Post 49, Auxiliary Orem; Auxiliary Payson; Auxiliary Springville
- American Legion – Goshen Post 123, Lehi Post 19, Pleasant Grove Post 70, Provo Post 13, Santaquin Post 84, Spanish Fork Post 68
- American Red Cross

- American Associations of Retired Persons – Utah Chapter
- American Cancer Society
- Associated Builders and Contractors
- Central Utah Bar Association
- Chamber West
- Civil Air Patrol
- Daughters of the Utah Pioneers – Lehi, Orem, Provo, Springville, Pleasant Grove
- Democratic Women
- Disabled American Veterans – Department of Utah Administrative Services
- Draper Area Chamber of Commerce
- Draper Historic Preservation Commission
- Eagles Lodge
- Earth Law
- Elks
- Exchange Club
- Fraternal Order of Police – Utah State Lodge – West Jordan, Murray
- Future Moves Coalition
- General Federation of Women's Clubs – Utah Chapter
- Kiwanis – Orem Golden K, Pleasant Grove, Provo Golden K, Springville, Salt Lake City
- League of Women Voters
- Lehi Chamber of Commerce
- Lions – Mapleton, Payson, Provo-Timpanogos
- Manufacturers Associations – Utah Chapter
- Masonic Temple
- Midvale Chamber of Commerce
- Murray Chamber of Commerce
- National Audubon Society
- National Organization for Women – Utah Chapter
- Nature Conservancy
- Neighborhood in Action Orem - Aspen, Bonneville North, Bonneville South, Cascade, Cherry Hill, Foothill, Geneva, Hillcrest, Lakeview, Northridge, Orchard, Orem North, Orem South, Scera Park North, Scera Park South, Sharon, Suncrest, Sunset Heights, Westmore, Windsor South, Windsor North
- Orem Beautification Commission
- Orem Riding Club
- Orem Women's Club
- Payson Chamber of Commerce
- Pleasant Grove Business Alliance
- Provo City Neighborhood Program – Carterville, Dixon, Edgemont, Foothills, Fort Utah, Franklin, Grandview North, Grandview South, Indian Hills, Joaquin, Lakeview South, Lakeview North, Lakewood, Maeser, North Park, Oak Hills, Pleasant View, Provo Bay, Provost, riversides, Rock Canyon, Sherwood Hills, Rock Canyon, Spring Creek, Timp, Wasatch

- Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce
- P.T.A. – Mountain View Council, Orem Council, Timpanogos Council
- Riverside Country Club
- Rotary Club – American Fork, Springville, Salt Lake City
- Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce
- Save Our Canyons
- Sierra Club
- South Jordan Chamber of Commerce
- Southwest Valley Chamber
- Spanish Fork Chamber of Commerce
- Springville Chamber of Commerce
- Springville Historic Commission
- Springville Historical Society
- Toastmasters – Mainstreamers
- United Commercial Travelers of America
- Utah Association of Realtors
- Utah County Cattle Women
- Utah County Deputy Sheriff Association
- Utah County Republican Women
- Utah County Search & Rescue
- Utah Environmental Congress
- Utah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Utah Music Teacher's Association
- Utah Open Lands
- Utah State Chamber of Commerce
- Utah Valley Entrepreneurial Forum
- Utah Valley Historical Society
- Utah Valley Toastmasters
- Veterans of Foreign Wars – American Fork, Payson
- West Jordan Chamber of Commerce
- Women in Leadership
- Women's Business Network
- Women's Council – Provo
- Women's Division

Table 5-13 summarizes presentations made to groups that requested them.

**Table 5-13: Speakers Bureau Presentations to Community Groups**

Community Group Name	Presentation Date	Topic
Rotary Club – American Fork	October 12, 2004	Scoping
Neighborhood in Action – Northridge, Orem	October 21, 2004	Scoping
Utah Trucking Association Roundtable	November 3, 2004	Scoping
American Fork Chamber of Commerce	November 11, 2004	Project Introduction
Exchange Club	November 18, 2004	Project Introduction
Utah County Emergency Responders	December 7, 2004	Project Introduction
Kiwanis – Orem Golden K	January 17, 2005	Project Introduction
Springville Rotary Club	February 9, 2005	Project Introduction
Utah Valley Management Society	February 23, 2005	Project Introduction
Pemberly HOA, Pleasant Grove	February 9, 2006	Alternatives
Exchange Club	April 27, 2006	Alternatives
American Fork Chamber of Commerce	May 11, 2006	Alternatives

### 5.5.3 Public Open Houses

Four public open houses were held in May 2007 to provide an opportunity for the public to learn about the refined alternatives being carried forward for detailed study in the Draft EIS. Table 5-14 summarizes the notification tools that were used. The open houses displayed preliminary roadway designs, including interchange designs and interchange options in some locations.

**Table 5-14: Notification Methods for Public Open Houses**

Method	Audience	Quantity
City Newsletter	Residents living along corridor	Distributed to 34 cities electronically
Media release	News media outlets	Distributed to 57 media outlets
Media advisory	News media outlets	Distributed to 52 media outlets
E-mail update	Stakeholders engaged in study	329
Flyer	Interested stakeholders	Distributed to 34 cities electronically
Poster	City government and residents	130
Postcard	Potentially impacted property owners	1,692
Website	Interested stakeholders	NA

Table 5-15 summarizes the open house dates, locations and attendance.

**Table 5-15: Summary of Public Meetings and Attendance**

Date	Location	Attendance
May 2, 2007	Barratt Elementary, American Fork	63
May 3, 2007	Draper Elementary, Draper	34
May 9, 2007	Westmore Elementary, Orem	84
May 10, 2007	Brockbank Elementary, Spanish Fork	31

#### 5.5.4 Other Presentations

I-15 Corridor EIS project representatives made regular presentations to the Utah Transportation Commission. Utah's transportation commissioners are appointed by the governor and serve as part of an independent advisory committee. The group prioritizes projects and decides how funds are spent. The purpose of these presentations was to update the Commission on project progress. Transportation Commission meetings are open to the public and meeting minutes are public record. Table 5-16 summarizes the dates and locations for these presentations.

**Table 5-16: Presentations to the Utah Transportation Commission**

Date	Location
December 10, 2004	Salt Lake City
November 10, 2005	Provo
January 19, 2007	Salt Lake City

#### 5.5.5 Communication Tools

Several communication tools were used to proactively increase public awareness of the project, provide information about the EIS study, engage electronic and printed media, and invite public comment. These included newsletters, media releases, e-mail updates, website updates, posters, and flyers to communicate with project stakeholders.

In addition to scoping information and outreach tools, an information campaign regarding Purpose and Need and Alternatives was developed. This outreach began in July 2005 with the launch of the I-15 EIS "Bubble Bus," a bus wrap advertisement that displayed the project contact information and invited comments. The Bubble Bus advertisement appeared on a UTA bus route that operated daily within the study area, traveling on I-15 and local streets such as State Street. The bus route connected with the 10000 South TRAX station, reflecting the project's attention to multi-modal solutions. The launch of the Bubble Bus increased the number of public comments and hits on the project website. The bus wrap continues to exist at the time of publication of the Draft EIS.



In October 2005, a 12-page color newsletter was mailed to 28,000 households describing the project Purpose and Need, Alternatives Screening Process, and five alternatives identified for further study. A media tour was conducted with the Bubble Bus in conjunction with the newsletter publication. The newsletter was posted to the project website along with additional information on the website about Purpose and Need, alternatives screening and the five alternatives identified for further study. An e-mail update was sent to previous project participants in the contact database as well as posters hung on study area bus routes, city buildings, and libraries to remind people to learn about and comment on the Purpose and Need and Alternatives information.

Similar communication methods were used throughout the EIS process to update stakeholders on project progress. Table 5-17 summarizes public information and outreach conducted using various communication methods.

**Table 5-17: Summary of Communications**

Technique	Number of Times Implemented	Purpose
Newsletter	2	Provide detailed information to residents along study corridor regarding the EIS process
Press Release	3	Notify media of project-related milestones
Poster	2	Notify public of opportunities to obtain information and provide input
Email Update	3	Notify interested stakeholders of project-related milestones, how to obtain information, and provide input
City Newsletters	2	Notify public of opportunities to obtain information and provide input
Website	1 (ongoing)	Provide interested stakeholders with detailed information regarding the EIS process, project-related milestones, how to obtain information, and provide input

## 5.6 Environmental Justice Populations Outreach

Section 3.3.2 of Chapter 3 describes the public participation program to provide project information and opportunities to comment for minority and low-income populations.

## 5.7 Review of the EIS

Upon publication of the DEIS, a Notice of Availability was published in the Federal Register, as well as the Deseret Morning News and Salt Lake Tribune. The DEIS was distributed to local, state and federal agencies for their review and comment. Hard copies of this document were available for public review at the offices of FHWA, UDOT, Mountainland Association of Governments, Wasatch Front Regional Council, study area cities and at local libraries (Table 5-18). An electronic copy of the document was also available on the project website.

**Table 5-18: Distribution List for Hard Copies of the DEIS**

Location	Address	City
UDOT Complex	4501 S. 2700 W.	Salt Lake City
UDOT Region 2 Headquarters	2010 S. 2760 W.	Salt Lake City
UDOT Region 3 Headquarters	658 N. 1500 W.	Orem
Federal Highway Administration	2520 W. 4700 S., Suite 9A	Salt Lake City
Mountainland Association of Governments	586 E. 800 N.	Orem
Wasatch Front Regional Council	295 N. Jimmy Doolittle Road	Salt Lake City
American Fork Library	64 S. 100 E.	American Fork
Draper Library	1136 E. Pioneer Drive	Draper
Lehi Library	120 N. Center Street	Lehi
Orem Library	58 N. Center Street	Orem
Payson Library	66 S. Main Street	Payson
Pleasant Grove Library	30 E. Center Street	Pleasant Grove
Provo Library	550 N. University Avenue	Provo

Table 5-18: Distribution List for Hard Copies of the DEIS - continued

Location	Address	City
Spanish Fork Library	49 S. Main Street	Spanish Fork
Springville Library	50 S. Main Street	Springville
FedEx Kinkos	278 E. 12300 S.	Draper
FedEx Kinkos	561 W. 130 N.	American Fork
FedEx Kinkos	155 S. State Street	Orem
FedEx Kinkos	976 N. Main Street	Spanish Fork

Two public hearings on the DEIS were held during the public comment period, which concluded on January 11, 2008. The public hearings were held December 13 at American Fork Junior High, in American Fork, and on December 15, at Dixon Middle School, in Provo. The media listed in Table 5-5 received a news release detailing of the availability of the DEIS and public hearings. During the public comment period, the public and reviewing agencies were invited to provide written or oral comments on the DEIS by a number of media, or in person at a public hearing.

Before and after the official public hearings, the I-15 team attended a number of additional public and stakeholder meetings. These were held to answer questions and provide information about local issues. These meetings and their topics are listed below:

*American Fork Main Street Interchange:*

- Neighborhood meeting: November 8, 2007
- Neighborhood meeting: March 12, 2008

*Orem 1200 West Re-alignment:*

- Neighborhood meeting: May 31, 2007
- Neighborhood meeting: November 14, 2007
- Neighborhood meeting: March 18, 2008

*Orem 800 South Interchange:*

- Neighborhood meeting: August 28, 2007
- Neighborhood meeting: March 11, 2008

*Provo/Orem Frontage Roads:*

- Grandview Neighborhood meeting: January 9, 2008

*North Payson Interchange:*

- Stakeholder meeting: February 14, 2008
- Neighborhood meeting: February 22, 2008

Additional meetings were held with individual property owners, city councils and staff, UVSC (UVU), MAG Regional Planning Committee, EPA, USFWS, USACE, and various elected officials.

After the close of the public comment period, UDOT completed the Final EIS (FEIS). Oral and written comments on the DEIS and corresponding responses are provided in Appendix D.